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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

- ☐ a sequence listing
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing

b. format of material

- ☐ in written format
☐ in computer readable form

c. time of filing/furnishing

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☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.

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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-23	YES
	Claims	None	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-23	YES
	Claims	None	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-23	YES
	Claims	None	NO

2. Citations and explanations :

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: WO 02/096553 A2

D2: US 6,365,734 B1

D3: JP 11-217557

I. Novelty and Inventive Step

The present invention relates to a cucurbituril bonded polymer, a cucurbituril derivative-containing copolymer, a stationary phase and a column using the polymer or the copolymer, which are useful for separation and removal of substances.

D1 relates to novel inorganic absorbent composites consisting of an open-pore, solid, and inorganic matrix, comprising cucurbiturils which are chemically linked in the matrix. D2 relates to the composition, methods of preparation and uses novel cucurbituril derivatives having various repeating units and cavities of various sizes. D3 relates to a dye removing agent comprising a cucurbituril precursor as an active ingredient which is a condensate of glycoluril and formaldehyde and substantially does not form a complete cyclic structure.

The subject matter of the present invention differs from the disclosure of D1-D3 mainly in a polymer in which a particle-type polymer with a reactive end -substituted group is linked to a cucurbituril derivative of Formula 1 by a covalent bond; and in a monolithic column obtained by a monomer with a substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group of C3 - C20 and allyloxycucurbituril of Formula 1.

It cannot be considered obvious to a person skilled in the art, with knowledge of the cited documents, to link polymer with a reactive end -substituted group and cucurbiturils by a covalent bond and a monolithic column obtained by using said polymer.

Therefore, claims 1-23 of the present invention are considered to meet the requirements of Article 33(2) and 33(3).

II. Industrial Applicability

The subject matter of claims 1-23 is considered to be industrially applicable under PCT Article 33(4).